

The Contest JUG



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LET HE WHO IS
WITHOUT SIN CAST THE
FIRST CQ...

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Where to in '78?

PREVIEW OF COMING DIVERSIONS

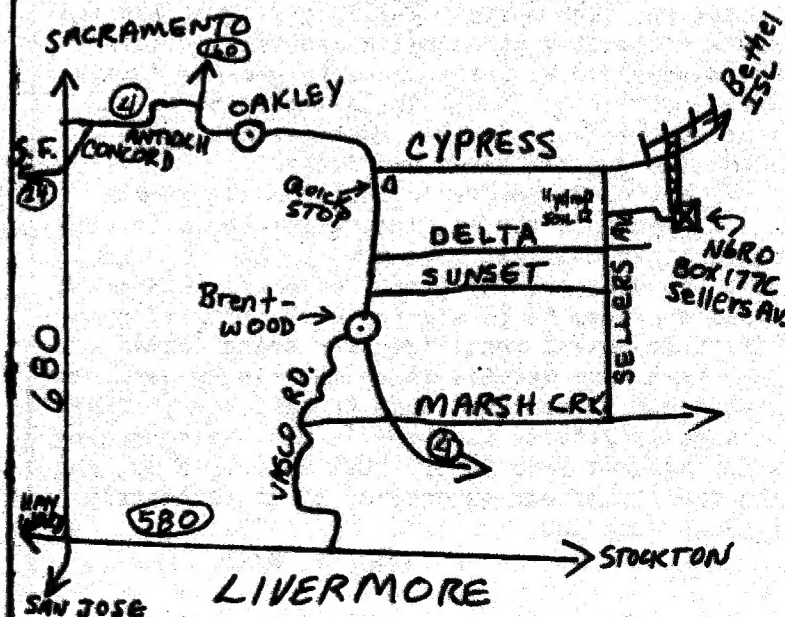
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| May | 20 | Armed Forces Day, (Remember to work NPG on 4005, 4010, 6989, 7365, 14375 and 20983 KHz, CW and 4001.5, 7301.5 14356, 14389, and 20998.5 KHz,SSB.) |
| | 22 | NCCC Club meeting, American Savings and Loan Building, Hayward @ 7:30pm |
| June | 1 | NCCC BoD meeting at W6LH's QTH (All are welcome.) |
| | 3-4 | PVRC On-the-Air Reunion |
| | 10-11 | VHF QSO Party |
| | 17-18 | All Asian DX Contest, Phone |
| | 24-25 | Field Day |

Radio Oakley?

This year's club picnic will be held at Radio Oakley, N6RO's new country place. We're following the same format used successfully in past years at K6SG: potluck dishes, hotdogs, beer (courtesy N6RO), wine (courtesy K6SG); volleyball, badminton, softball, etc., plus water-skiing on the nearby delta! Noon till dark* in Oakley (20 miles East of Concord). Each couple or married person attending without spouse may bring a pot-luck dish, enough for 10 or 12 people; eg, baked beans, scalloped potatoes, salad, spaghetti, meatballs or any favorite dish you wish to bring. Single persons should bring pot-luck snacks, such as chips and dips, cheese, crackers, cakes or cookies (OK Joan?). Those who can should bring card tables, chairs, badminton or horseshoe outfits, frisbees, or whatever.

We need to know how many are coming, so that we can have enough beer and hotdogs; so, if you are planning on attending, please RSVP at the May meeting, on 3815 or by telephone: N6RO at (415)-625-2707 or if no answer, WA6JUD at (415)-685-7987. In the South Bay, call N6BT at (415)-964-5554. See you there!

Where the hell is Oakley?



PRESIDENTIAL PROSPECTS

NCCC's new Board of Directors met for the first time last week and took a hard look at our club. Where are we going this year? What do we accomplish? What problems must we overcome? I come away from that meeting most exhilarated! I'm most excited with the caliber and incredible creativity of our membership and its determination to remain the world's number ONE contest club. I think we've got a great year in store for us. Here is a sampling of some of the things the BoD covered:

The club plans as major, all-out operating efforts our own NCCC-sponsored Cal. QSO Party in October (already the biggest and best state party, but still with room to be bigger and better); the Sweepstakes in November (will we be the first to win four gavels in a row?), and the ARRL DX 'tests next February and March (East coast beware!). There also was lots of interest in AA, COMW, the NA Sprints, and the CD Parties. The club itself won't plan major pushes for the latter events, because we don't want to spread ourselves too thin and risk diluting our top priority efforts, but many members still plan to be active in these events and competition will be keen.

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Prospectus continued...

With all the talent available in the Bay-Area, we can have top notch meeting programs which should be of interest to virtually any segment of our membership. A programs committee was formed under the watchful eye of WIARR to start brain-storming and lining up speakers. Bob wants your ideas, if you have suggestions. Our May program will be a discussion of operation/contesting for South Africa, and June will feature Dr. Wayne Overbeck, N6NB, to tell us all about his EME expeditions and to wade into the CAC's latest proposals.

The club's 2 meter repeater will be a real boon to our communications network. N6KB should have ADM-VHF up in the 84/24 slot by the time you read this, so dig out those crystals. Plans are also underway to rejuvenate NCCC's 75m. net, but more on that in a future issue.

K6XO and N6KB volunteered to chair a committee to investigate possible meeting sites for the club, the feeling being that we rapidly are outgrowing our AS&L sized rooms. Any suggestions would be appreciated; contact either Alan or Bob. Many NCCCers expressed interest in forming teams for the North American Sprints (rules in this issue). This novel, 4 hour contest really puts one's operator skill to the test because its QSY rule closes the gap between the little and big guns. Put a team together now; we might as well have the NCCC take the top spots in this contest too!

Finally, a few words of my own philosophy vis-a-vis running the NCCC. It is my perception that members don't come to meetings to agonize through long business discussions or endless prattle. Therefore, I intend to use Board meetings to hash through business considerations and to hammer out club policy. We'll only summarize the BoD's activities at regular meetings, unless the membership wishes to go into greater detail. For this reason, I feel it is important to emphasize the fact that BoD meetings are open. Watch the Jug for times and dates.

If our club expects to continue its growth and to remain a strong, innovative force in contesting, we must get more members involved than just the officers and those few other interested souls who seem to do all the work. Lots of specifically-tasks committees are being formed. I'll have more details about them in my next article, but please give some thought now to your personally getting involved if you see something which strikes your fancy. NCCC is your club, and the quality of our experience of it ultimately depends upon you.

73,

Rusty N6SF

REMEMBER THE NCCC TUESDAY NIGHT NET!!

7:30 p.m. 3815 KHz

ADM IS UP!

From N6KB comes the word that WR6ADM-VHF is on the air! Frequency is 147.84 in, 147.24 out. Priority usage of the new repeater is for Alameda County RACES--Monday night nets at 7:00pm, and drills & exercises at unannounced times not likely to exceed once monthly. The rest of the time, the repeater is open, with the exception of contest periods, when the usage will be limited to contest related transmissions.

The repeater will not be operating fully for a while, due to lack of a working duplexer.

Sincerest thanks to the following people who contributed to the repeater fund: N6IG, N6OP, K6XO, N6SF, WA6JUD, WB6DSV, WA6ITV, W6LH, N6KB and N6ET. That leads me to the next list, the Black List; people who have pledged, but have not paved are: K6ZM, W6XB, N6RZ, WB6SHD, WA6DG-X, N6RO, N6LC, N6QW, WA6VEF, Wally's Rentals and the Concord Base Station. To get everything working right, we need your money! Please get your checks to W6LH (1462 Crespi Dr., San Jose, 95129). Make checks payable to the NCCC.

* THANK YOU!! *

MORE ON THE NCCC FOUNDER'S TROPHY

The NCCC Founder's Trophy will be a perpetual trophy to be awarded by Jim Neiger, N6TJ (coincidentally the founder of our club) to the NCCC member achieving the highest combined scores in the CQ World-Wide Phone and CW DX contests. The qualifications are:

- 1) Only single op, all band entries will qualify.
- 2) All operations must be within the official NCCC territory; DXpeditions don't count.
- 3) Operator and station owner must be a paid up, full NCCC member.
- 4) Both phone and CW operations must be made by the same op.

The trophy (and individual plaque) will be presented at the International DX Convention (Fresno, Visalia or whatever).

OPEN CD PARTY (PHONE)

W6XR.....	1672	74
N6TU.....	105	46
W6EB (N6KL op.).....	107	45
WA6KAC.....	343	67
WB6SHD.....	50	21
WA6VEF.....	31	14
N6NE.....	5	3

CONTEST CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

Look out! NCCC is on the move again in 1978-'79, and frankly, I'm excited about serving as Vice-President/Contest Chairman for the coming years.

At the first meeting of the new BoD last Thursday evening, it was decided that our club will make serious efforts in three contests in the coming year: the California QSO Party, Sweepstakes, and ARRL DX. As VP/CC, I intend to become directly involved in the preparation for all of these efforts. To this end, I will be serving on WB6DSV's CQP committee and will also be assisting SS chairman WB6JUD in this year's quest for gavel #4.

One area in which I see great strides being taken this year is operator training. It's obvious that in order to become an efficient contest operator, one must learn basic operating techniques and fundamentals, and then practice those learned skills by getting on the air. I have already contacted a few of NCCC's more talented operators, and they have indicated an enthusiastic willingness to do some multi-singles with some of our younger members and less experienced members, giving tips and providing lots of operating time. If any of you would like to be a

part of these multi-single training efforts, please feel free to contact me.

To further public relations with the contest fraternity and make the NCCC better known both nationally and internationally, I plan to introduce to the NCCC BoD a proposal, calling for our club to sponsor an award to any amateur who has worked a specified number of NCCC members in radio contests. This award will be available to any foreign amateur who contacts 35 NCCCers, any US or Canadian amateur who works 75 NCCCers and any NCCCer who works 100 fellow members in contests. I feel that our award would accomplish three objectives: a) promote general contest activity, both within and without the NCCC. b) make the NCCC better known as stated before, both nationally and internationally, especially among the JA operators. c) to encourage contestants to look for NCCCers. Of course, we will need funds to get this project started, and with the current treasury, I don't see any way that we can put this awards plan into action right away. However, I believe that this proposal is a good one and I plan to push forward with it in a few months time--be on the lookout for complete rules in upcoming JUG!

On the contest calendar for June are:

The June VHF QSO Party, Granddaddy of the VHF test, is scheduled for June 10 and 11. This one features good 6m. propagation, plus the usual .52 simplex domination.

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2) If you enjoy getting shoeboxes full of JA QSL's, then you'll certainly enjoy operating the All-Asian DX Contest, SSB weekend on June 17 & 18. If conditions are good, the JA runs will be fantastic! Quite a few NA scoring records are sure to be broken.

3) Field Day, June 24 & 25. Enough said. See you at the Hayward meeting. 73's,

Gary WA6VEF

MINI CONTEST RESULTS

April 18. Exchange: Serial number and waist size. Multiplier: Number of different waist sizes. Five minutes, Both modes. Score only.

Phone	Score	Both modes	Score
WA6MFJ 600 (1)	840	WA7MZH 840	
N6UR 180 (2)	825	WA6JUD 825	
WA6TFV (LP) 20 (3)	525	WB6DSV (LP) 525	

WB6ION (B) 385, AA6UO (B) LP 360, K6GU (B) 150, WD6CHF (B) LP 20.

May 5. Pile up contest. One station plays the DX op. and everyone tries to work him using various callsigns.

N6UR.....copied.....14	1st
WA6MFJ.....copied.....11	2nd
N6KT.....copied.....10	3rd

VERY FEW MAXI-TEST SCORES

May 10, 6:30pm

1. N6TU 31 17	3. WB6DSV 3 3
2. W6YX (N7MH) 21 15	4. N6NE 1 1

Next maxi is June 6 at 6:30 p.m. (SSB) BE SURE TO GET ON!!

NCCC BACKPACK CLUB

All members interested in going backpacking this summer with other NCCCers should see Bob, W1ARR at the pizza parlor after the meeting. This will be a moderately easy pack trip. Those who have already expressed an interest are: N6JM, N6LC, WA6HJV, AA6UO, N6IG, WD6CHF, WB6ZGY, N6NE, and W1ARR/6.

THE NORTH AMERICAN SPRINT

With the success of last year's Sprint (some 400 entries), the NCJ has decided to hold two more: one in July, the other in September. Here are the complete rules for the first:

01:00 to 05:00 UTC, July 2. Open to any licensed amateur. The object is to work as many N.A. stations as possible (and/or other stations for those in North America) as possible and in as many multipliers as possible during the contest period. Operations must be Single Operator, with no assistance from spotting nets, etc.

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